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SUBJ: VIOLATION OF PHILIPPINE FLIGHT CLEARANCE

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1. SOUTHERN AIR TRANSPORT ADVISED OF PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS REQUIRING NOTIFICATION IN EVENT CLEARED FLIGHT DELAYED MORE THAN 24 HOURS. SOUTHERN AIR ACKNOWLEDGED PHILIPPINES INADVERTANTLY OMITTED WHEN REVISED SCHEDULE SENT OTHER AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, EXPRESSED REGRET, AND PROMISED IN FUTURE TO ADVISE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES IN SUCH CASES.

2. IN ORDER INFORM OTHER OPERATORS OF US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT OF PHILIPPINE REQUIREMENT FOR NOTIFICATION IN EVENT OF DELAY IN FLIGHT FAA PLANS AMEND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL BUT NEEDS KNOW TO WHAT OFFICE NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE SENT. IN THIS REGARD, WE BELIEVE MOST PRACTICAL AND EXPEDITIOUS MEANS OF BRINGING DELAY TO ATTENTION OF PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE FOR OPERATOR/PILOT IN COMMAND TO COMMUNICATE REVISED SCHEDULE DIRECTLY TO APPROPRIATE PHILIPPINE AVIATION AUTHORITY

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(SUCH AS CENTRAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OR CIVIL AVIATION

DEPARTMENT) WHO COULD DISSEMINATE REVISED SCHEDULE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED. (AS WE UNDERSTAND PHILIPPINE POSITION REFTEL, DELAYS OF MORE THAN 24 HOURS DO NOT REQUIRE RE-SUBMISSION OF NEW CLEARANCE REQUEST; ONCE GRANTED, CLEARANCE REMAINS VALID AS LONG AS OPERATOR NOTIFIES PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES OF DELAY).

3. GIVEN DELAYS ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF COMMERCIAL CABLE FACILITIES, AND FACT THAT FLIGHTS MAY BE DELAYED ON WEEK-ENDS AND HOLIDAYS, DOES NOT APPEAR PRACTICAL TO USE EMBASSY CHANNEL FOR NOTIFICATION OF FLIGHT DELAYS TO PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES. IN OUR VIEW, PREFERABLE FOR EMBASSY NOT TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF COMPLIANCE BY US OPERATORS WITH PHILIPPINE CIVAIR REGULATION. DEPT AND FAA WILL, OF COURSE, BRING REGULATION TO ATTENTION ALL OPERATORS US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT, BUT BELIEVE IT RESPONSIBILITY OF OPERATOR TO NOTIFY PHILIPPINE CIVAIR DIRECTLY RE CHANGES THEIR SCHEDULES.

4. APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN LIGHT OF PARA. 2, 3 ABOVE, AND IF GOP AGREEABLE TO DIRECT NOTIFICATION BY OPERATOR, ADVISING TO WHAT PHILIPPINE OFFICE (WITH CABLE OR TELEX ADDRESS) NOTIFICATION OF DELAY SHOULD BE SENT. KISSINGER

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